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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHOZO YOKOYAMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BRAHAN, T.
SERIAL NO: 10/588,843 :
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FOR: CRANE AND METHOD OF :
ASSEMBLING CRANE

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 7, 2008, Applicants herein elect Group I, claims 1-8 and 10-19 drawn to a claim. Additionally, Applicants elect Species A shown in Figures 1-6. Claims 1-8 correspond to the claimed species.

The election is being made with traverse. According to the Office Action, the Restriction Requirement is based upon PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the attached International Preliminary Report on patentability. As is evident therefrom, Box IV, "lack of unity of invention," has not been checked, indicating that there is no lack of unity of invention under PCT Rules 13.1 or 13.2.

If the Restriction Requirement is made final, Applicants will submit a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) deleting all of the inventors other than Mr. Yokoyama.

Applicants note that references AI through AAG of the IDS filed on August 9, 2006 were not considered by the examiner because they were non-English language publications

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that did not include complete translations. This is respectfully traversed, and it is requested that these references be considered.

As to references AI-AR, these references were cited in the international search report which has been filed in the present national stage application. Since copies of the references were also cited, these references must be considered by the examiner. MPEP § 609(II); see also MPEP § 609(III)(A(3)).

Reference AW is entirely in the English language.

The PTO form 1449 indicates that references AAD-AAG have U.S. equivalents.

The remaining references were cited with English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609(III)(A(3)). No complete translation is required by MPEP § 609.

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